SUPER-MYSTERY
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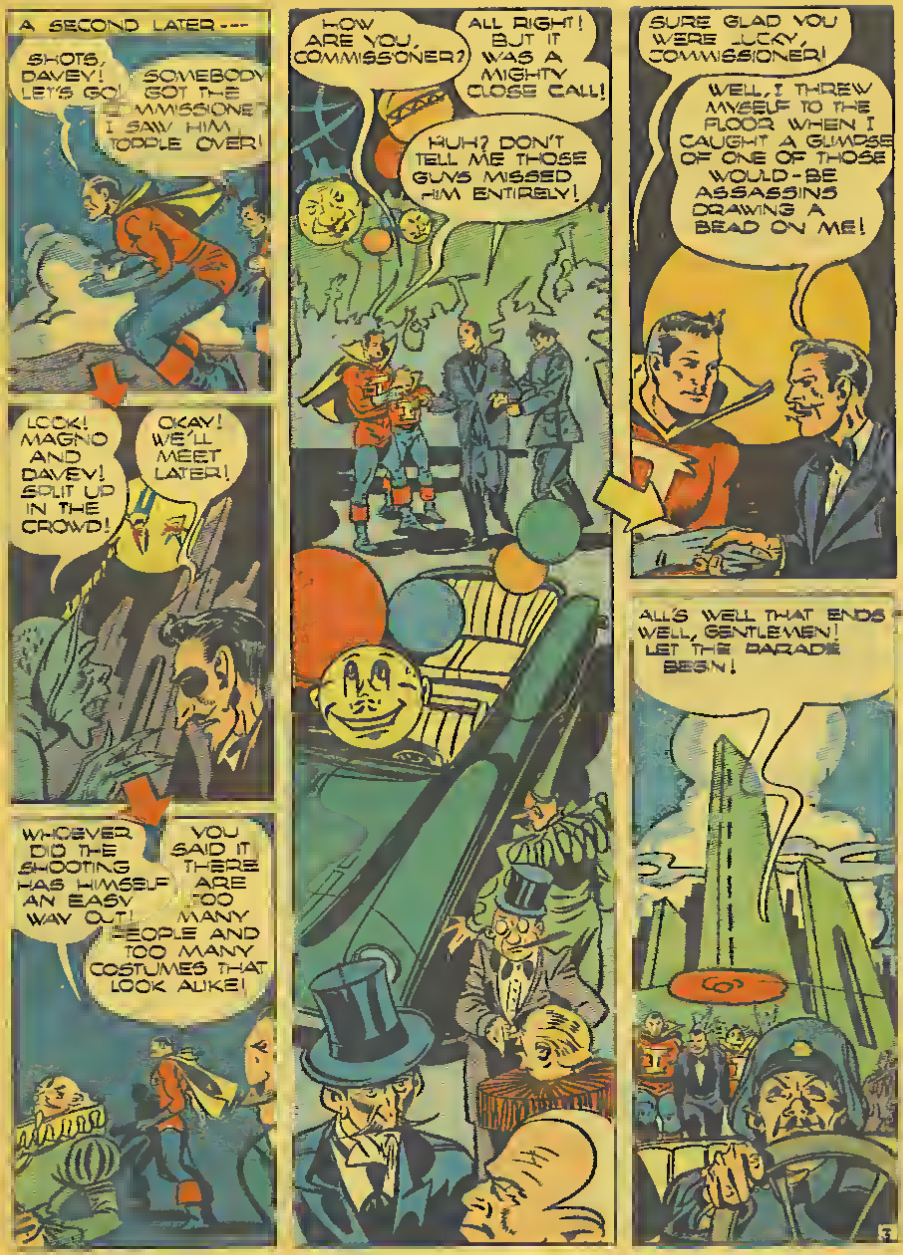
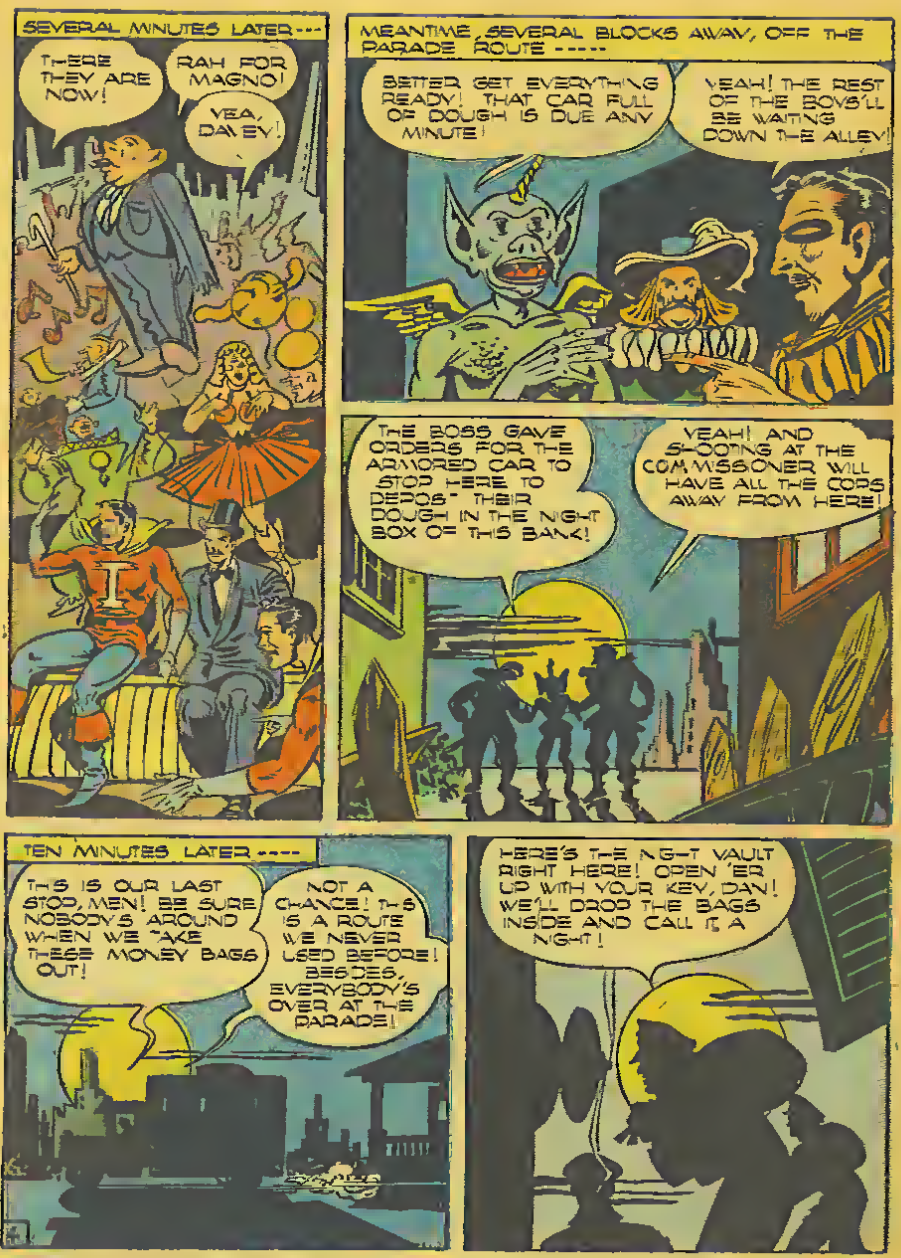
FEBRUARY

MAGNO AND DAVEY

MAGNO AND DAVEY WERE SLATED TO BE THE GUESTS OF HONOR AT THE FIRST MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION SINCE THE END OF THE WAR -- BUT THE MERRIMENT TURNED INTO MAYHEM AND MAGNO AND DAVEY BECAME SLATED FOR A ONE-WAY RIDE TO THE CEMETERY UNLESS THEY COULD SOLVE THE MYSTERY OF THE MISSING MILLION DOLLARS!

HEY, MAGNO! COME HERE AND SEE THE PEOPLE DOWN THERE!
YES, SIR! THIS'LL BE SOME CELEBRATION TONIGHT!
GOSH! AND TO THINK WE'RE THE BIG-SHOT GUESTS OF THE CITY!
BEGINNING IN ABOUT TWO MINUTES, TOO! THERE'S THE MAYOR'S CAR WITH HIM AND THE POLICE COMMISSIONER IN IT!
GOOD IDEA OF YOURS, MR. MAYOR - HAVING MAGNO AND DAVEY HERE, I MEAN!
YES, COMMISSIONER, WE COULDN'T HAVE INVITED A MORE FAMOUS PAIR!
THERE'S THE COMMISSIONER! TAKE GOOD AIM!
THAT DOES IT! NOW BEAT IT!
COULDN'T HAVE BEEN NO NEATER JOB THAN THAT!


A SECOND LATER---
SHOTS, DAVEY! LET'S GO!
SOMEBODY GOT THE COMMISSIONER! I SAW HIM TOPPLE OVER!
LOOK! MAGNO AND DAVEY! SPLIT UP IN THE CROWD!
OKAY! WE'LL MEET LATER!
WHOEVER DID THE SHOOTING HAS HIMSELF AN EASY WAY OUT!
YOU SAID IT THERE ARE TOO MANY PEOPLE AND TOO MANY COSTUMES THAT LOOK ALIKE!
HOW ARE YOU, COMMISSIONER?
ALL RIGHT! BUT IT WAS A MIGHTY CLOSE CALL!
HUH? DON'T TELL ME THOSE GUYS MISSED HIM ENTIRELY!
SURE GLAD YOU WERE LUCKY, COMMISSIONER!
WELL, I THREW MYSELF TO THE FLOOR WHEN I CAUGHT A GLIMPSE OF ONE OF THOSE WOULD-BE ASSASSINS DRAWING A BEAD ON ME!
ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL, GENTLEMEN! LET THE PARADE BEGIN!

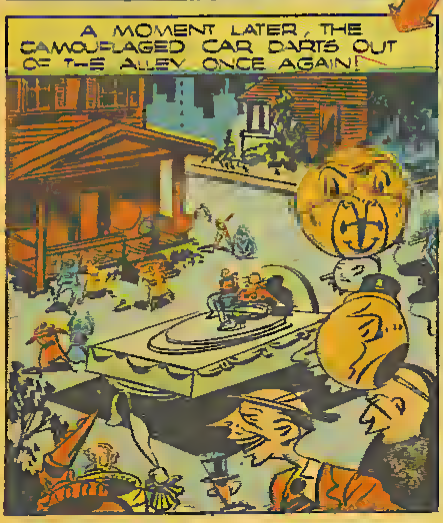

SEVERAL MINUTES LATER---
THERE THEY ARE NOW!
RAH FOR MAGNO!
YEA, DAVEY!
MEANTIME, SEVERAL BLOCKS AWAY, OFF THE PARADE ROUTE -----
BETTER GET EVERYTHING READY! THAT CAR FULL OF DOUGH IS DUE ANY MINUTE!
YEAH! THE REST OF THE BOYS'LL BE WAITING DOWN THE ALLEY!
THE BOSS GAVE ORDERS FOR THE ARMORED CAR TO STOP HERE TO DEPOS-" THEIR DOUGH IN THE NIGHT BOX OF THIS BANK!
YEAH! AND SHOOTING AT THE COMMISSIONER WILL HAVE ALL THE COPS AWAY FROM HERE!
TEN MINUTES LATER ----
THIS IS OUR LAST STOP, MEN! BE SURE NOBODY'S AROUND WHEN WE TAKE THESE MONEY BAGS OUT!
NOT A CHANCE! THIS IS A ROUTE WE NEVER USED BEFORE! BESIDES, EVERYBODY'S OVER AT THE PARADE!
HERE'S THE NIGHT VAULT RIGHT HERE! OPEN 'ER UP WITH YOUR KEY, DAN! WE'LL DROP THE BAGS INSIDE AND CALL IT A NIGHT!

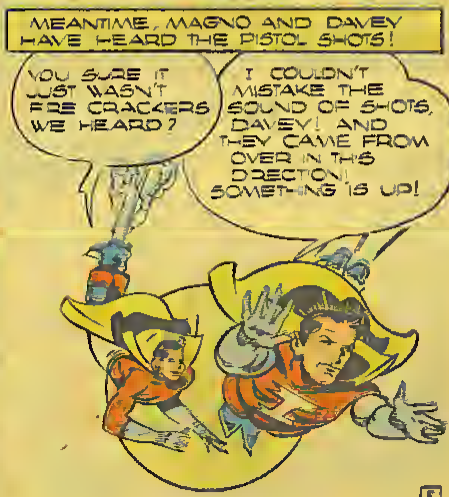
AT THAT INSTANT --- A CRESCENDO OF GUN FIRE ERUPTS FROM THE SHADOWS!
PLUG 'EM FIRST AN' ASK QUESTIONS LATER!
LOOK OUT! UGH! THEY GOT ME!

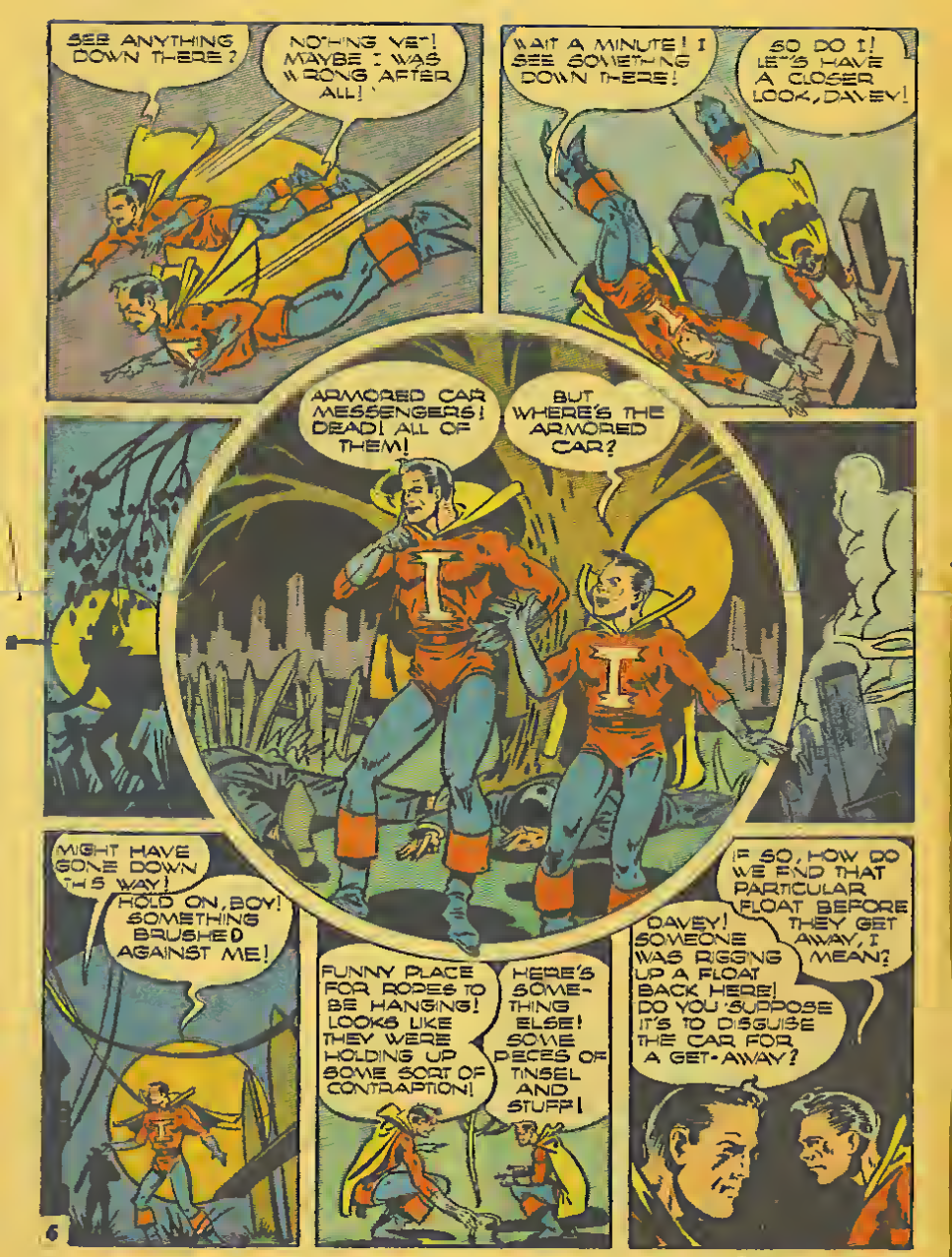
A FEW YARDS AWAY---
OKAY! HOLD IT! WE'RE LOWERING THE FLOAT NOW!

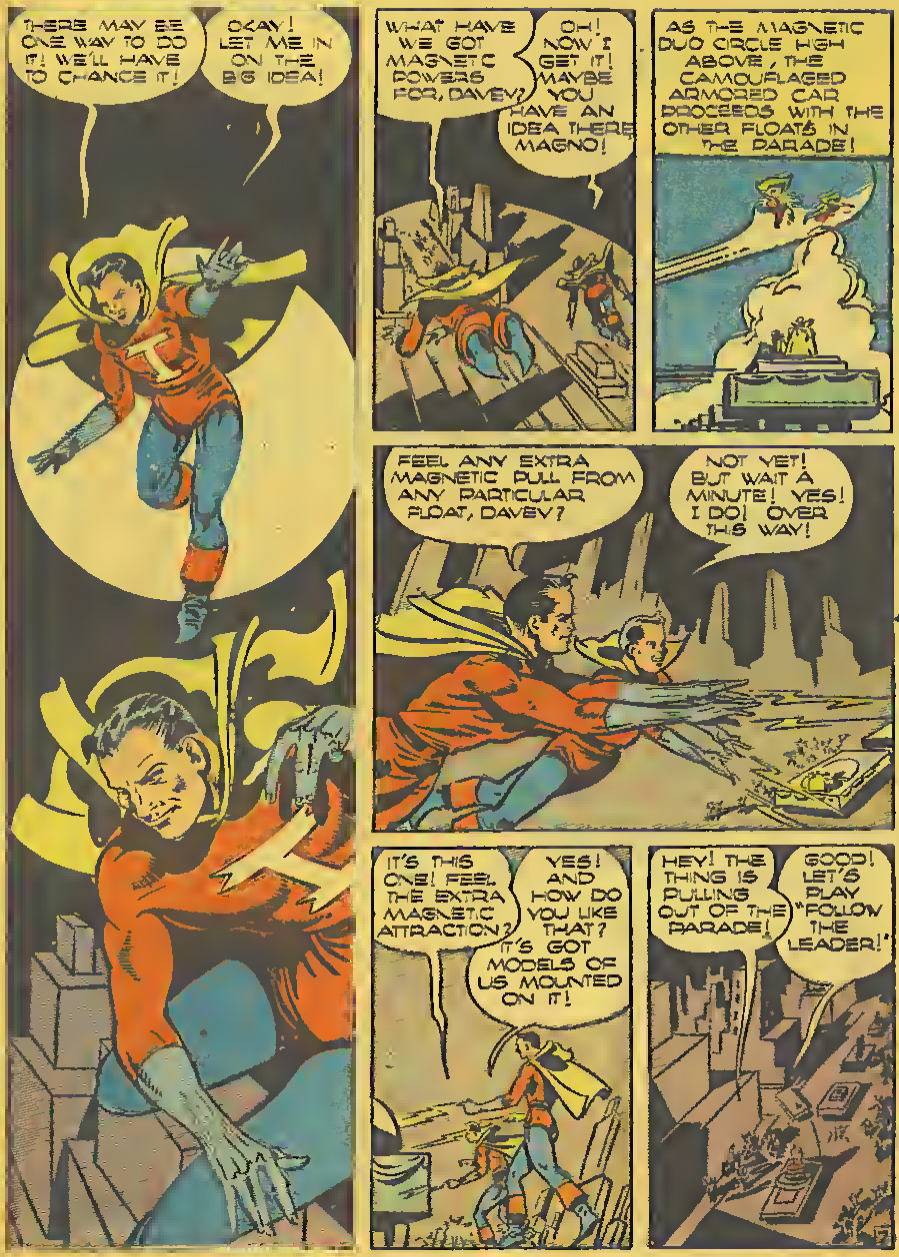
THAT DOES TH' JOB! AN' A FUNNY IDEA, LAYING FIGURES OF MAGNO AN DAVEY ON IT! TH' BOSS IS SMART!

MAKE IT SNAPPY! INTO THE ALLEY WITH THIS JITNEY!
YOU SAID IT! WE GOTTA TIME THIS RIGHT!


A MOMENT LATER, THE CAMOUFLAGED CAR DARTS OUT OF THE ALLEY ONCE AGAIN!


MEANTIME, MAGNO AND DAVEY HAVE HEARD THE PISTOL SHOTS!
YOU SURE IT JUST WASN'T FIRE CRACKERS WE HEARD?
I COULDN'T MISTAKE THE SOUND OF SHOTS, DAVEY! AND THEY CAME FROM OVER IN THIS DIRECTION! SOMETHING IS UP!


SEE ANYTHING DOWN THERE?
NOTHING YET! MAYBE I WAS WRONG AFTER ALL!
WAIT A MINUTE! I SEE SOMETHING DOWN THERE!
SO DO I! LET'S HAVE A CLOSER LOOK, DAVEY!
ARMORED CAR MESSENGERS! DEAD! ALL OF THEM!
BUT WHERE'S THE ARMORED CAR?
MIGHT HAVE GONE DOWN THIS WAY!
HOLD ON, BOY! SOMETHING BRUSHED AGAINST ME!
FUNNY PLACE FOR ROPES TO BE HANGING! LOOKS LIKE THEY WERE HOLDING UP SOME SORT OF CONTRAPTION!
HERE'S SOMETHING ELSE! SOME PIECES OF TINSEL AND STUFF!
IF SO, HOW DO WE FIND THAT PARTICULAR FLOAT BEFORE THEY GET AWAY, I MEAN?
DAVEY! SOMEONE WAS RIGGING UP A FLOAT BACK HERE! DO YOU SUPPOSE IT'S TO DISGUISE THE CAR FOR A GET-AWAY?


THERE MAY BE ONE WAY TO DO IT! WE'LL HAVE TO CHANCE IT!
OKAY! LET ME IN ON THE BIG IDEA!
WHAT HAVE WE GOT MAGNETIC POWERS FOR, DAVEY?
OH! NOW I GET IT! MAYBE YOU HAVE AN IDEA THERE MAGNO!
AS THE MAGNETIC DUO CIRCLE HIGH ABOVE, THE CAMOUFLAGED ARMORED CAR PROCEEDS WITH THE OTHER FLOATS IN THE PARADE!
FEEL ANY EXTRA MAGNETIC PULL FROM ANY PARTICULAR FLOAT, DAVEY?
NOT YET! BUT WAIT A MINUTE! YES! I DO! OVER THIS WAY!
IT'S THIS ONE! FEEL THE EXTRA MAGNETIC ATTRACTION?
YES! AND HOW DO YOU LIKE THAT? IT'S GOT MODELS OF US MOUNTED ON IT!
HEY! THE THING IS PULLING OUT OF THE PARADE!
GOOD! LET'S PLAY "FOLLOW THE LEADER!"

A FEW BLOCKS FARTHER AWAY---
HOLD YOUR HAT! HERE WE GO AGAIN!
HOLD UP DAVEY! LET 'EM ALL PILE OUT FIRST!
NICE WORK, BOYS! THERE'LL BE A NICE CUT FOR US WHEN THE BOSS ARRIVES!
HEY! LOOK! MAGNO AND DAVEY!
RIGHT IN TO YOU, MAGNO!
GO GET 'EM, KID!
YOU LIKE FLOATS SO MUCH---- HAVE A FREE FLOAT INTO DREAMLAND!
FINAL CURTAIN GOING DOWN!
NOT QUITE! WE HAVE ONE MORE THING TO DO!
ONE OF THOSE BUMS MENTIONED THE BOSS COMING TO DAY THEM OFF!
THAT'S RIGHT! SHALL WE TAKE OVER AND PAY THEM OFF IN A DIFFERENT WAY?
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A SHORT TIME LATER---
MIGHTY QUIET UP HERE! I WONDER IF EVERYTHING CAME OFF OKAY?
WELL, OF ALL THE STUPID IDIOTS! WHAT HAPPENED HERE? YOU'D THINK MAGNO AND DAVEY HAD BLITZED THE PLACE!
YOU COULDN'T BE CLOSER TO THE RUM, COMMISSIONER!
MAGNO AND DAVEY! YOU TWO HERE!
CORRECT AGAIN! IT WAS A CLEVER PLAN TO USE YOUR AUTHORITY TO RE-ROUTE THE ARMORED CAR, BUT IT DIDN'T WORK!
AND HAVING THOSE GUYS FIRE AT YOU WAS A GOOD GAG TOO! EVEN IF THEY DID USE BLANK CARTRIDGES!
THAT'LL BE ALL FOR TONIGHT, COMMISSIONER! WE'RE TURNING YOU OVER TO THE PROPER AUTHORITIES! YOU CAN ENJOY A MARDI GRAS IN THE HOOSEGOW!
AND MAKE IT SNAPPY! WE WANT TO GET BACK TO THE PARADE AGAIN!
LATER THAT NIGHT....
BOYS, YOU CERTAINLY CLEANED THAT ONE UP IN GOOD ORDER! BUT I STILL DON'T KNOW HOW YOU LOCATED THAT FLOAT!
EASY! THE METAL ARMOR AND THE LOAD OF COINS INSIDE PULLED US RIGHT TO IT!
BESIDES MR. MAYOR, MAGNO HAS ALWAYS BEEN ATTRACTED BY MONEY!

MR. RISK
HAVING APPREHENDED THE MILLIONAIRE MURDERER, O.J. STEVENS, ABOARD HIS OWN YACHT (SEE LAST ISSUE OF SUPER-MYSTERY COMICS) MR RISK IS STROLLING TOWARDS THE CRIMINAL COURTS BUILDING TO SEE JUSTICE METED OUT TO O.J. STEVENS IN THE FORM OF A CONVICTION!!
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WONDER WHAT GOES ON THERE? YOUNG FELLOW SEEMS MIGHTY PERSISTENT ABOUT RAISING SOMEONE INSIDE!
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I TOLD YOU MISS WILSON DON'T WANT TO SEE YOU! NOW FOR TH' LAST TIME-SCRAM!
WHY-YOU--!

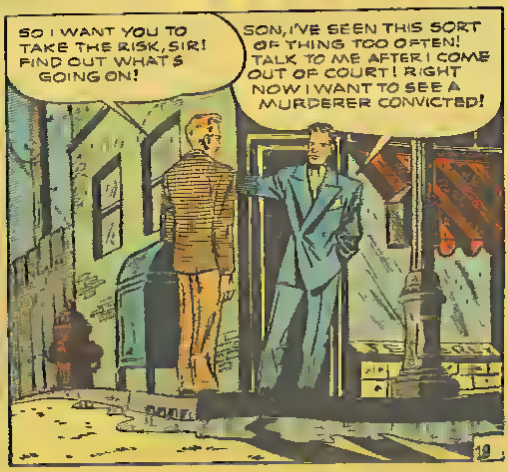
HOLD ON THERE, YOUNG FELLOW!
WHY THAT PHONEY GORILLA OF A BUTLER! I'LL---!
SLAM

BY THE LOOK OF THINGS, THERE ISN'T MUCH YOU'LL DO TO HIM!
HUH? HEY! YOU'RE MR. RISK! I'VE SEEN YOUR PICTURES IN THE PAPERS!

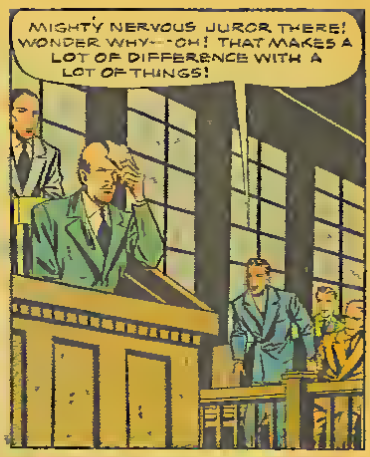
VERY FLATTERING! AND IF YOU KEEP GETTING THROWN OUT OF FIFTH AVENUE MANSIONS YOU'LL BE IN THE PAPERS, TOO!
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND! SOMETHING PHONEY IS GOING ON IN THERE!

SURE! I KNOW! THE GIRL DOESN'T WANT TO SEE YOU SO EVERYTHING IS WRONG AND PHONEY! I'VE SEEN THOSE REACTIONS IN FELLOWS BEFORE!
NO! YOU'VE GOT TO LISTEN TO ME!

MY NAME'S BOB HORNE AND I'M ENGAGED TO MARY WILSON! EVERYTHING WAS SWELL LAST NIGHT AND WHEN I CALLED FOR HER TODAY A COUPLE OF STRANGE BUTLERS WOULDN'T LET ME IN! SOMETHING IS DEFINITELY PHONEY!


SO I WANT YOU TO TAKE THE RISK, SIR! FIND OUT WHAT'S GOING ON!
SON, I'VE SEEN THIS SORT OF THING TOO OFTEN! TALK TO ME AFTER I COME OUT OF COURT! RIGHT NOW I WANT TO SEE A MURDERER CONVICTED!

A SHORT WHILE LATER—
AFRAID I'M LATE! THE TRIAL IS ALREADY UNDER WAY!


MIGHTY NERVOUS JUROR THERE! WONDER WHY--OH! THAT MAKES A LOT OF DIFFERENCE WITH A LOT OF THINGS!

THAT'S IT! IT MUST BE IT! HERE-AFTER I'LL LISTEN TO THE LOVE PROBLEMS OF GALS AND GUYS WHO ACCOST ME IN THE STREET!

BOB! BOB HORNE! ANSWER ME ONE QUESTION!

THIS MARY WILSON YOU'RE ENGAGED TO--- IS SHE THE DAUGHTER OF WALTER VAN TITLER WILSON, THE BANKER?
YES! WHY?

NEVERMIND WHY! WE'VE GOTA LOT OF FAST WORK TO DO! TAXI!
THIS GETS SCREWIER ALL THE TIME! I MUST BE NUTS!
DRUGS

SEVERAL MINUTES LATER--
NOW JUST REMEMBER WHAT I TOLD YOU TO DO!
I STILL THINK I'M NUTS-OR ELSE YOU ARE!
OH, WELL! THERE'S NOTHING LIKE GETTING THROWN OUT OF THE SAME JOINT A FEW MORE TIMES IN THE SAME DAY! I'LL FOLLOW HIS ORDERS!
THIS MAY BE GETTING MONOTONOUS TO THOSE GUYS INSIDE, BUT IT'S JUST AS MONOTONOUS TO ME!
WHILE INSIDE---
I'LL BET IT'S THAT KID AGIN!
SHH! DON'T BE TOO SURE! REMEMBER O.J. STEVENS SAID WE COULDN'T BE TOO CAREFUL! MAKE SURE--BEFORE WE SLUG HIM FOR GOOD THIS TIME!
IT'S HIM ALL RIGHT!
WHATTA NOIVE! OPEN D' DOOR AN' JOIK HIM INSIDE!
READY? ONE--- TWO--- THREE---

MEANTIME, AT THE SIDE OF THE HOUSE
I HOPE I'VE TIMED THIS RIGHT! I'M NOT AFRAID OF THE RISK I'M TAKING - BUT OF THE RISK WE'RE RUNNING FOR SOMEONE ELSE!
AH! JUST AS I'D GAMBLED ON! THIS WINDOW IS OPEN!
I THINK EVERYTHING IS WORKING OUT ACCORDING TO SCHEDULE! I HEAR FAINT SOUNDS IN THE FRONT HALLWAY!
HOLD THAT POSE!
WHO'S DIS MONKEY ?
NEVER MIND! PLUG 'IM!
THIS IS WHAT IS COMMONLY CALLED THE 'DOUBLE-TEAM' IN FOOTBALL!
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NICE TIMING, BOB!
I WASN'T SO SURE FOR A MINUTE! BUT WHAT DO WE DO NOW!
YOU KEEP THE GUN ON THESE BUTT-IN-SKY BUTLERS WHILE I DASH DOWN THE HALL FOR A MINUTE! THAT'S ALL!
THIS MIGHT BE THE ROOM! IN FACT-IT IS! GREETINGS, MISS WILSON!
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ARE YOU GOING TO KILL ME NOW? DID FATHER GO ALONG WITH THE JURY AND FIND STEVENS GUILTY?
I KNOW MY FACE LOOKS LIKE A THUG'S, BUT I'M REALLY YOUR RESCUER!
OH, NO! I DIDN'T MEAN THAT! I WAS SO FRIGHTENED, I THOUGHT---!
THAT, BECAUSE YOUR FATHER WOULD BE HONEST AND SENTENCE O.J. STEVENS TO DEATH, STEVENS WOULD HAVE YOU MURDERED AS HE HAD THREATENED YOUR FATHER HE WOULD DO UNLESS HE DISSENTED IN HIS OPINION?
MARY! YOU'RE ALL RIGHT!
BOB!
AFTER THE BIG CLINCH, I'D SUGGEST YOU GET TO THE O.J. STEVENS TRIAL AS FAST AS YOU CAN WHILE I TURN THESE FELLOWS OVER TO THE COPS! I'LL JOIN YOU IN THE COURT-ROOM PRESENTLY!

AFTER THAT ENDS UP ANOTHER PHASE OF THIS NEFARIOUS BUSINESS! WONDER WHAT GOES ON IN HERE?
WE, THE JURY, FIND THE DEFENDENT GUILTY OF MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE!
AND THEN---AFTER SENTENCE IS PRONOUNCED ON O.J. STEVENS -
MR. RISK! HOW CAN WE E-ER THANK YOU?
AND HOW CAN I EVER BE SANE AGAIN UNLESS YOU EXPLAINED WHAT HAPPENED?
I WAS NEVER SO GLAD TO SEE ANYONE AS YOU, MARY, IN MY WHOLE LIFE!
DOES THAT EXPLAIN A PORTION OF YOUR QUESTION BOB?
YOU SEE AFTER I RECOGNIZED MR. WILSON IN THE JUROR'S BOX WHEN I FIRST ENTERED THE COURTROOM I KNEW HE WAS NERVOUS---THEN I RECALLED THAT YOUR GIRL, MARY WILSON, REPORTEDLY REFUSED TO SEE YOU! I DEDUCED THAT THERE WAS PRESSURE ON MR. WILSON TO DEADLOCK THE JURY ON STEVENS' CASE OR ELSE MARY WOULD BE - ER - HURT!
I'M CERTAINLY GLAD YOU HAD MARY AND BOB HERE WHEN IT WAS TIME TO DECIDE THE CASE! I WENT INTO THE JURY ROOM WITH A FREE MIND!
AND I'M GLAD YOU HAVE A DAUGHTER WHO PICKED OUT A HUSBAND LIKE BOB HORNE! FOR PEOPLE - KE YOU, I'LL ALWAYS BE GLAD TO TAKE ANY KIND OF A RISK!